

CIA-Linked Author To Lecture on Hill

By Walter Taylor
Washington Star Staff Writer

The author of a book linked to alleged CIA efforts to discredit one of its critics has been invited to participate in a seminar on lobbying for members of the House and Senate.

The book, "The Power Peddlers," has come under scrutiny during the past year by the House and Senate intelligence committees. A subcommittee of the House panel, headed by Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., is looking generally at CIA efforts to use or manipulate the news media.

The full Senate committee is looking specifically into the possibility that information in the book was leaked by the CIA as part of an effort to smear Elias Demetracopoulos, a former Greek newspaperman now living in Washington.

The co-author of the book, Russell Warren Howe, a British journalist, is listed as a panelist for a day-long "Lobbying and the Law" seminar tomorrow for members of Congress.

THE SEMINAR, one of a series, is sponsored by the Library of Congress's Congressional Research Service.

Former Maryland Rep. Gilbert Gude, director of the service, said yesterday that he was not aware that Howe's book had come up in the dual congressional investigations.

"I don't know whether he was the tool of the CIA or not... but I would say his role in this seminar revolves more on the technical aspects of the law than anything he has written about the Greek gentleman," Gude said.

Allegations against the book "wouldn't necessarily impair his (Howe's) credibility in this instance," he added.

The book, published last February, has attracted attention in a variety of congressional quarters because some of its passages about Demetracopoulos are strikingly similar to the contents of a memorandum that was circulated clandestinely on Capitol Hill in 1971.

DEMETRACOPOULOS, in self-imposed exile in the United States, was a vocal opponent of the junta that controlled Greece at that time and also was highly critical of CIA and Nixon administration support of the military regime.

When Demetracopoulos discovered the existence of the memorandum, evidently based on CIA intelligence reports, the Nixon White House hastily ordered its recall and issued a written apology to the former newsman. A subsequent CIA report acknowledged that much of the material in the memorandum was false.

According to an exchange of correspondence that was forwarded to Aspin's House Intelligence subcommittee on oversight, "The Power Peddlers" contains some of the same allegations against Demetracopoulos that were contained in the discredited 1971 memorandum. Several of the passages in the book were attributed to CIA files and sources.

THE LETTERS WERE between Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., and CIA Director Stansfield Turner. In a letter to Turner last May, Edwards said that "it appears, from the book's authors' own statements, that information about Elias Demetracopoulos has been given them from CIA files and by CIA officials. Accordingly, I am requesting that you search your records and advise me regarding this matter."

Responding three months later, on Aug. 8, Turner replied that a thorough search of agency records revealed "no evidence to support the hypothesis that the CIA provided information on Mr. Demetracopoulos" to Howe and the book's co-

P-Demetracopoulos, E/11/15
Edwards, Don
C 104 101 Turner, Adm.